

conditions on the lines suggested by the Whitley's Labour Commission Report and when they will be moving in the matter?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have not had time or opportunities to consider this question so far.

Completion of works to prevent floods in Karuvannur.

452. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the first stage of the works proposed in the Chief Engineer's scheme for the prevention of the Karuvannur Floods was completed before the floods of 1107?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Admissibility of questions.

453. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the figures quoted in answer to question No. 322, dated 11th Kumbham 1107, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Government have not anything to do in the matter. Adequate rules regarding the admissibility of questions have been framed and if the Hon'ble Members strictly adhere to them the President will have no occasion to disallow questions.

Modifications to Penal Law in respect of seditions and political offences.

454. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have noted the trend of modern opinion of treating lightly sedition and political offences and what modifications they intend to make in our Penal Law with reference to it;

(b) whether they are aware that repression has only intensified and complicated things everywhere?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The Government have not come across any expression of opinion that sedition and political offences should be treated lightly.

(b) No.